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### Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/589,655

**Applicant(s)**

HEEN ET AL.

**Examiner**

MOHAMMAD A. SIDDIQI

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2006.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08/16/2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/CIS)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-10 are examined.

#### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 1-10 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, line 1, the term "Method" should be replaced with ---A method-- The same is true for claims 2-8.

Regarding claim 9, line 1, the term "Device" should be replaced with --The Device-- The same is true for claim 10.

Appropriate correction is required.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nyman et al. (7,089,298) (Hereinafter Nyman).

5. As per claim 1, Nyman discloses method for inserting a new device in a community of devices (ADD-DEVICE col 9, lines 5-6) wherein each device of the community (Ad hoc, 132, fig 1A, col 9, lines 5-6) is able to store insertion requests received from at least one new device and to forward (256, fig 3) these insertion requests to a device (col 13, lines 22-37), chosen by a user of the community for performing at least one user action for authorizing the insertion of the new device in the community (260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).

6. As per claim 2, Nyman discloses wherein insertion requests contain a provable identity of the new device (col 16, lines 59-64).

7. As per claim 3, Nyman discloses the device having received an insertion request from a new device is able to forward (256, fig 3) the provable identity of this new device to the device chosen by the user further to the receipt of a message from said chosen device (elements of fig 3, lines 59-64).

8. As per claim 4, Nyman discloses wherein the device having received an insertion request from a new device is further able to broadcast (col 30, line 54) the provable identity of the chosen device to the new device (elements of fig 3. col 30, lines 44-67).

9. As per claim 5, Nyman discloses method for inserting a new device in a community of devices comprising the steps of:

storing , by each device of the community which receives an insertion request from a new device (ADD-DEVICE, col 13, lines 22-37) , the insertion request in a memory of said device (260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64);

forwarding (253,256, fig 3) , by each device of the community which receives a request from a device chosen by a user of the community (elements of fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64), the at least one stored insertion request to said user chosen device (elements of fig 3, col 13, lines 22-37) ;

wherein said user chosen device is chosen by the user for performing at least one user action for authorizing the insertion of the new device in the community (260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).

10. As per claim 6, Nyman discloses further comprising a step of: selecting, using the user interface of the user chosen device (100, fig 1), one of the insertion requests received by the user chosen device, to authorize the device having emitted said insertion request to be inserted in the community (262, fig 3).

11. As per claim 7, Nyman discloses further comprising a step of: sending, from said user chosen device, an insertion request to the new device inserted in the community to request that said user chosen device enters the new device's community (260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).

12. As per claim 8, Nyman discloses wherein said insertion request from said user chosen device is transmitted to the new device inserted in the community through the device of the community having first forwarded the insertion request from the new device to the user chosen device in case said user chosen device cannot directly communicate with the new device community (253, 260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).

13. As per claim 9, Nyman discloses device adapted to belong to a community of networked devices, characterized in that wherein said device comprises:  
a first memory for storing at least one insertion request received from a new device requesting to be inserted in the community (253, 260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64);  
a network interface ( 253, fig 3) for sending the at least one insertion request stored in said first memory upon request from a device chosen by a user of the community for performing at least one user action for authorizing the insertion of the new device in the community (124, 260, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).;  
a second memory for storing insertion requests sent by other devices of the community

14. As per claim 10, Nyman discloses a user interface allowing a user to select one of the insertion requests received by the user chosen device (100, fig 1), to authorize the device (260, fig 3) having emitted said insertion request to be inserted in the community when said device is the user chosen device (262, fig 3, col 16, lines 49-64).

***Conclusion***

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

U.S. Patent 7, 7349,360 teaches adding device to Ad hoc network.

U.S. Patent 7,171,476 teaches self organizing network.

U.S. Patent 7,251,222 teaches mediation protocol to join the network.

U.S. Patent 7,114,010

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOHAMMAD A. SIDDIQI whose telephone number is (571)272-3976. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan J. Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2154